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Letter dated 4 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the increasing tensions on the line of control and the working boundary in Jammu and Kashmir.

Indian security forces have resorted to unprovoked firing across the line of control and the working boundary over the past few months. Indian forces are increasingly targeting civilians, which is a matter of deep concern for the Government and people of Pakistan.

You would recall that the line of control and the working boundary had been relatively peaceful over the past few years in observance of the 2003 ceasefire arrangement. Violations of the ceasefire arrangement by the Indian side have, however, spiked over the last couple of months.

During July 2015, Indian security forces committed 36 violations of the ceasefire, resulting in five civilians being killed and six injured. In August 2015, the number increased significantly, with the ceasefire violations touching 90, leading to 20 civilians being killed and 97 injured.

These violations involve the use of small arms as well as heavy mortar fire, targeting innocent civilians.

The prolonged hostility along the line of control and the working boundary is vitiating the already tense atmosphere between the two countries and is a matter of grave concern. The Government of Pakistan has urged India to stop these ceasefire violations forthwith and abide by the 2003 ceasefire arrangement for the restoration of peace and tranquillity.

We expect the Security Council to take note of this provocative Indian attitude and urge restraint.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Maleeha Lodhi



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